



**“4-H
Rocks!”**

4-H FOCUS

**November
2009**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

November 5: Youth Committee and County Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Pizza King

November 5: Leader Appreciation, 7:00 p.m., Pizza King

November 13: All turkey raffle ticket stubs, unused tickets, and money due to the Extension Office

November 15: Turkey raffle drawing

November 15: All 4-H member and leader enrollments due to the Extension Office.



December 19: Beef Weigh In, Westfair, 8-11 a.m.

December 21: FSQA Testing, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (call 366-7070 or email jenvin@iastate.edu to reserve a time)

December 22: FSQA Testing, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (call 366-7070 or email jenvin@iastate.edu to reserve a time)

December 28: FSQA Testing, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (call 366-7070 or email jenvin@iastate.edu to reserve a time)

December 29: FSQA Testing, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (call 366-7070 or email jenvin@iastate.edu to reserve a time)

Leader Appreciation Dinner



Who: All currently enrolled Organizational and Project Leaders in West Pottawattamie County (and their significant others).

When: Thursday, November 5, 2009

Where: Pizza King, Council Bluffs

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Come and join us as we say “thank you” to our Organizational and Project Leaders. Pizza, salad, and drinks will be provided.

Please R.S.V.P. by November 3rd if you are planning to attend by calling 712-366-7070 or email us at jenvin@iastate.edu. Hope to see all of our leaders there!

New Enrollment System “4-H Online” has arrived!

GUESS WHAT?????

4-H is in the process of switching to a new web-based enrollment system. What does this mean for our 4-H families? Right now it means that everyone will be deleted from the old system and we will begin putting enrollments into the new system starting on November 15th. It is VERY IMPORTANT that all 4-H families fill out their enrollment cards completely and leaders return them to the Extension Office by November 15th. In the future families will be able to create a 'family' account and monitor their own enrollment, publication, and project information (hopefully by next year).

It is important for all families to get their enrollments to their leaders on time. Enrollments will not be accepted at the office from individual members with out a leader signature and payment. If your enrollment is delayed, it may mean you are missing out on important emails, mailings, and project specific information.

Don't forget that financial assistance for the State 4-H fee (\$30) is available. Families may fill out the financial assistance application and return it (with proof of free/reduced school lunch) to Mary Kramer, 4-H Urban Program Specialist, 3501 Harry Langdon Blvd., ISD Campus, Careers Bldg, Council Bluffs, IA 51503. All families are responsible for the \$5.00 county fee.

Enrollment forms and medical release forms are on the web at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/westpottawattamie/kidsteens.htm>.

If you have any questions about the enrollment process, make sure to contact the Extension Office at 366-7070 or email us at jenvin@iastate.edu.

****Don't forget to read the section about enrollment fees for military families!**



Beef Weigh In

If you are planning on showing Market Beef at Westfair, Ak-Sar-Ben, and/or the Iowa State Fair, you must have your animal weighed and verified at the Market Beef Weigh In. Weigh in will be held on Saturday, December 19th at Westfair.

If you are only showing your Market Beef animals at Westfair: Just bring your animal to the weigh in anytime between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Members will need to fill out the top portion of the ID sheet and turn it into the scale house before their animals come through the scale. The cost is \$1.50/tag. Members only showing at Westfair do not need to pay for their tags at the weigh in. We will bill clubs for tags after weigh in.

If you are showing animals at Ak-Sar-Ben: All Market Beef members that are wishing to show at Ak-Sar-Ben, you must have a DNA sample taken. Samples will be taken anytime during the regular weigh in hours (8-10 a.m.). Members and parents must be available at the weigh in to sign the DNA envelope. If you are not able to be available to sign the DNA envelope, you must fill out a waiver form and send it with your animal to the weigh in. The cost to have a DNA sample taken and nominate your animal for Ak-Sar-Ben is \$5.00/head. This includes your \$1.50 for the ear tag. Payment for Ak-Sar-Ben nominations are due at weigh in. Checks can be made payable to ISU Extension.

If you are showing an animal at the Iowa State Fair: All Market Beef members that are wishing to show at the Iowa State Fair must have a retinal image taken. Due to the amount of time involved, retinal images will be taken starting at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to nominate animals for the Iowa State Fair, it is best to show up later in the morning. The cost to nominate an animal for the Iowa State Fair is \$5.00/head. This includes your \$1.50 for the ear tag. Payment for Iowa State Fair nominations are due at weigh in. Checks can be made payable to ISU Extension. Like the Ak-Sar-Ben nominations, if a member and/or parent is unavailable at the weigh in to sign their forms, they must fill out a waiver form and send it with their animal to the weigh in.

Market Beef and weigh in information will be available soon on the web at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/westpottawattamie/kidsteens.htm>. If you have questions about the weigh in process, contact the office at 366-7070 or email us at jenvin@iastate.edu.

UPCOMING FSQA DATES—Mark Your Calendar!

Don't forget that all 4-H members ages 9-19 are required to be FSQA certified if they are showing/selling beef, sheep, swine, poultry, dairy, goats, or rabbits at Westfair.

Members who are 9-11 years old, must attend a FSQA workshop each year to be certified. Certifications for workshops expire each year.

Members who are 12-19 years old must take a test. The 'intermediate' test for 12-14 year olds must be passed with a 70%. Members who pass the 'intermediate' test are certified until age 15.

Members who are 15-19 years old must take the 'advanced' test. If they pass with a 70% they are certified until they are out of the 4-H program.

Members who have tested in the past can check their FSQA certification cards for their expiration date.

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 712-366-7070 or email us at jenvin@iastate.edu.

WORKSHOP DATES

(for 9-11 year olds)

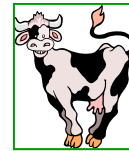
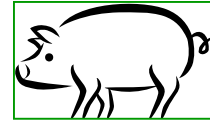
- Saturday, February 20th, (10 a.m. to noon)
- Tuesday, March 2nd, (6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

TESTING DATES

(for 12-19 year olds)

- Monday, December 21st, (anytime 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- Tuesday, December 22nd, (anytime 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- Monday, December 28th, (anytime 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- Tuesday, December 29th, (anytime 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- Thursday, January 7th, (anytime 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.)
- Saturday, February 20th, (anytime 10 a.m. to noon)
- Tuesday, March 2, (anytime 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

Make sure to call the Extension Office to reserve a spot. You can also reserve a spot by emailing us at jenvin@iastate.edu.



How to contact us:

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Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Phone: 712-366-7070

Fax: 712-366-7024

Web: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/westpottawattamie/kidsteens.htm>

Email: jenvin@iastate.edu

Families Boutique Assistance Needed

We are still looking for a club or group that would like to offer some community service help to the Families Boutique.

The event will be held on Thursday, December 10th from 6-8 p.m. at Timothy Lutheran Church on Broadway in

Council Bluffs.

It would be an easy opportunity for a club to receive some service hours. The boutique needs help staffing the games and crafts. Everything is provided, they just need the "man-power".

The event is not only open for clubs to participate.....individuals are welcome to come and help out also!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jenny at jenvin@iastate.edu by December 1st.



We are looking for individuals who would be interested in becoming shooting sports instructors and club leaders. Shooting sports is quickly becoming one of the most popular 4-H project areas in the country!

We have the equipment, we have the interested 4-H'ers, we just need the caring, adult volunteers!

Instructors would need to attend a training in the Spring at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Boone. They would also be required to pass a background check and attend two county leader trainings a year. The shooting sports disciplines include rifle, shotgun, and archery (leaders may be trained in one, two, or all three disciplines).

If you would be interested in being a volunteer, please contact Mary Kramer, 4-H Urban Program Specialist at mkramer@iastate.edu or call us at 366-7070.



MILITARY FAMILIES:

4-H members of military families (active, guard, or reserve) are eligible to have their 4-H state membership fee paid by Operation Military Kids. Currently, the state membership fee is \$30.00. This opportunity is for all branches of service and applies to children, step children, or siblings or military personnel. The parent or sibling does not need to be deployed for 4-H members to qualify.

All you have to do is turn a letter into the Extension Office that includes the names and ages of the members and the names and email addresses of the parents. Also, please write "OMK" on the top of your enrollment form, so we can ensure you receive proper credit. Email addresses are needed to ensure the families receive the OMK newsletter. Unit names or deployment dates are not needed.

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please contact the Extension Office at 366-7070 or email us at jenvin@iastate.edu.

TURKEY RAFFLE!

What can I win?

A 28 lb. turkey just in time for Thanksgiving!



Important details:

- Tickets cost \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.
- Tickets will be sold from October 1st through November 13th.
 - **Drawing for the turkey will be on November 15th.**

4-H club members are selling tickets for a turkey raffle to raise money for new turkey cages for Westfair. Megan Preston, poultry superintendent has donated the turkey and the tickets, so every ticket sold is 100% profit toward new cages.

We are encouraging all clubs and members to participate by selling tickets. Club that have picked up tickets so far include the Westfair Horse Club, Minden Monarchs, Lewis Hustling Pioneers, and the Crescent Innovators. Don't miss out—pick up your tickets today! Members selling tickets can write their club name on the back of the stub because the club that sells the most tickets gets \$50.00 towards a pizza party!

Individuals or Club Leaders can pick up tickets at the Extension Office. The drawing will take place on November 15th. If you have any questions, contact Megan Preston at 712-310-9555 or mpreston@snder-associates.com. Hope you and your club will help us!

****ALL TICKET STUBS, MONEY, and UNUSED TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY NOVEMBER 13th.**